

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1883 – HB 2336

February 11, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes the 90-day deadline for filing a civil action in housing discrimination cases.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-21-312, within 90 days after a complaint is filed, if the Tennessee Human Rights Commission (THRC) has determined that there is reasonable cause to believe that the respondent has engaged in a discriminatory housing practice, and if the complaint has not been resolved through a conciliation agreement, the THRC shall notify the complainant and the respondent in writing, that they may elect to have the claims and issues of the complaint decided in a civil action that is commenced and maintained by the THRC. Either the complainant or the respondent may make such an election by notifying the THRC of the complainant's or respondent's desire to do so. A party shall make an election for a civil action no later than 20 days after receiving notice of permission to do so.
- According to the THRC, the proposed legislation makes the Commission more substantially equivalent to the federal Fair Housing Act, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the THRC and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and 24 CFR Section § 115.204.
- According to the THRC, the proposed legislation ensures that THRC continues to receive approximately \$384,000 (FY14-15 amount) in federal funding from HUD each fiscal year.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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